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## FORMER NASA CONTRACTOR EMPLOYEE ARRESTED

On June 16, 2000, Richard Jones, a former employee of Johnson Controls World Services, Inc., a former National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) prime contractor at the Stennis Space Center (SSC) in Hancock County, MS., was arrested by Special Agents from the NASA Office of Inspector General's Office of Criminal Investigations (OCI) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI).

The arrest is based on a June 6, 2000, federal grand jury indictment that charged Jones with violation of Title 18, United States Code (USC), Section 371, conspiracy to violate the Anti-Kickback Act, Title 41, USC, Section 53. Jones was further charged with violation of Title 18, USC Section 1001, making false statements to Special Agents of the NASA OCI and the FBI.

The investigation was conducted by Special Agents of the NASA OCI and the FBI with assistance from the NASA SSC Security Office and the U.S. Air Force Office of Special Investigations. Assistant United States Attorney Jay Golden, Southern District of Mississippi, Biloxi, MS, (228) 432-5521, is handling the prosecution.

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